to ensure secrecy regarding the movements of V.V.I.Ps and checks on terrorists by the Delhi Police are being frequently picked up by the amateur radio-operators;

(b) whether Government are aware of the reports of a demonstration to this effect by former Haryana Minister who is a licensed amateur Radio-Operator; and

(c) if so, what is the factual position in this regard and what action has been taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. It may, however, be clarified, that information about VVIP movement is passed on special security frequencies and there is no possibility of leakage of any such information. In so far as messages relating to checking of terrorists are concerned, they are not of secret nature and are passed on to a number of police units including patrol vans, motor cycles, pickets and beat constables.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**P.M.'s instruction on Maharashtra-Karnataka boundary row**

993. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report published in the Times of India of the 8th January, 1989 to the effect that the Prime Minister had asked the Union Home Minister to call the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka to hold talks on the boundary row;

(b) what are the facts about the dispute and the results of the talks held, if any; and

(c) whether the issue was discussed/referred to some Body for their opinion/decision; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Government have seen the relevant press report.

(b) The Mahajan Commission appointed by the Government of India to go into the border disputes between Maharashtra and Karnataka and between Karnataka and Kerala submitted its Report in 1967. While the Government of Karnataka have been urging the implementation of the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission in toto, the Government of Maharashtra have been pressing for the dispute being settled on the basis of definite principles such as village as a unit, geographical contiguity, linguistic majority, etc. Thus the differences between the two State Governments over the acceptability of the recommendations of the Commission have been persisting.

(c) The Government of India have always been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government remain in touch with both the State Goverments in the matter. Central assistance as required for arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to this problem will be rendered.

**Assault on a postman**

994. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on January 3, 1989, a postman on duty

of Sarojini Nagar Post Office, Delhi was assaulted by the son of the Dy Commissioner Police, Shri Chaman Lal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at the Vinay Nagar Police Station, the registration of FIR against the assaulting person was refused resulting in a strike in the Post Office from January 4 to 7, 1989; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the case as yet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) An altercation between Shri Rakesh son of Shri Chandra Prakash, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Shri Hukum Singh, Postman did take place. Both the sides have given different versions of the incident.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. As both the parties narrated different versions of the incident, the matter was enquired under Rule 24.4 of Punjab Police Rules and a copy of the report was delivered to the postman through the postmaster of Sarojini Nagar Post Office.

A complaint has been filed by Shri Rakesh in the Court. The matter is sub-judice.

No official notice for strike was given to the police.

**Allotment of lockers by the State Bank of Indore**

995. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain State Bank of Indore branches in Delhi do not allot lockers to customers unless they deposit a certain amount with the Bank as a fixed deposit; and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in respect of allotment of lockers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that its branches in Delhi do not insist on fixed deposits for allotment of safe deposit lockers.

(b) Reserve Bank of India have issued instructions to all the public sector banks regarding allotment of lockers. These instructions provide that atleast 80 per cent of lockers should be allotted by banks on first cum-first served basis and the remaining 20 per cent on business considerations. The instructions also provide that the banks should not insist on fixed deposits as a prerequisite for allotment of lockers. There will, however, be no objection to banks seeking a deposit (but not as a condition for allotment) from the applicant who has been allotted a locker to cover the annual rent of the locker from the interest on the deposit. In the alternative, advance payment of locker rent for a period of 3 years may be collected from the locker holder.

**Counter-trade with Bofors**

996. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MOU on counter-trade with Bofors was signed to generate a new export market or to divert the existing exports though Bofors nominated intermediaries resulting in extra-expenses as commission and service charges etc. to them; if so, what are the details in this regard;